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# PRELIMINARY DRAFT

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### DIGEST

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-13-2-150.7; IC 9-25-8; IC 9-29-10-1.

**Synopsis:** Financial responsibility for motor vehicles. Specifies that the term "registration" in certain motor vehicle law concerning financial responsibility includes the license plate issued in connection with the registration of a vehicle. Provides for suspension of a vehicle registration as a consequence of operation of the vehicle without financial responsibility in effect. Increases driver's license reinstatement fees for reinstatements after December 31, 2013. Requires proof of future financial responsibility for five years for three or more offenses of operating a vehicle without financial responsibility in effect.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.



A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-150.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 150.7. "Registration", for**  
4 **purposes of IC 9-25-8, with respect to a vehicle, includes the license**  
5 **plate that is issued by the bureau in connection with the**  
6 **registration of the vehicle.**

7       SECTION 2. IC 9-25-8-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.59-2013,  
8 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) A person who knowingly:

10           (1) operates; or

11           (2) permits the operation of;

12 a motor vehicle on a public highway in Indiana without financial  
13 responsibility in effect as set forth in IC 9-25-4-4 commits a Class A  
14 infraction. However, the offense is a Class C misdemeanor if the  
15 person knowingly or intentionally violates this section and has a prior  
16 unrelated conviction or judgment under this section.

17       (b) Subsection (a)(2) applies to:

18           (1) the owner of a rental company under IC 9-25-6-3(f)(1); and

19           (2) an employer under IC 9-25-6-3(f)(2).

20       (c) In addition to any other penalty imposed on a person for  
21 violating this section, the court shall recommend the suspension of the  
22 person's driving privileges for at least ninety (90) days but not more  
23 than one (1) year. However, if, within the five (5) years preceding the  
24 conviction under this section, the person had a prior unrelated  
25 conviction under this section, the court shall recommend the  
26 suspension of the person's driving privileges **and vehicle registration**  
27 for one (1) year.

28       (d) Upon receiving the recommendation of the court under  
29 subsection (c), the bureau shall suspend the person's driving privileges  
30 **and vehicle registration, as applicable**, for the period recommended  
31 by the court. If no suspension is recommended by the court, or if the



1 court recommends a fixed term that is less than the minimum term  
 2 required by statute, the bureau shall impose the minimum period of  
 3 suspension required under this article.

4 SECTION 3. IC 9-25-8-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.59-2013, SECTION  
 5 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 6 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) This section applies to a person:

- 7 (1) who is convicted of;
- 8 (2) against whom a judgment is entered for;
- 9 (3) against whom the bureau has taken administrative action for;
- 10 or
- 11 (4) who the bureau otherwise determines was;

12 operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility in violation  
 13 of this article.

14 (b) A person described in subsection (a) must provide proof of  
 15 future financial responsibility:

- 16 **(1) for a first or second offense**, for a period of three (3) years;
- 17 **or**
- 18 **(2) for a third or subsequent offense, for a period of five (5)**  
 19 **years;**

20 beginning on the date on which the suspension of the person's driving  
 21 privileges terminates.

22 SECTION 4. IC 9-29-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) The fee for the  
 24 reinstatement of a driving license that was suspended under IC 9-25 is  
 25 as follows:

- 26 (1) For a first suspension, ~~one two~~ hundred fifty dollars ~~(\$150).~~  
 27 **(\$250).**
- 28 (2) For a second suspension, ~~two five~~ hundred ~~twenty-five~~ dollars  
 29 ~~(\$225).~~ **(\$500).**
- 30 (3) For a third or subsequent suspension, ~~three hundred one~~  
 31 ~~thousand~~ dollars ~~(\$300).~~ **(\$1,000).**

32 (b) The following amount of each fee paid under this section shall  
 33 be deposited in the financial responsibility compliance verification  
 34 fund established by IC 9-25-9-7:

- 35 (1) Of the fee paid for reinstatement after a first suspension, one  
 36 hundred twenty dollars (\$120).
- 37 (2) Of the fee paid for reinstatement after a second suspension,  
 38 one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195).
- 39 (3) Of the fee paid for reinstatement after a third or subsequent  
 40 suspension, two hundred seventy dollars (\$270).

41 (c) If:

- 42 (1) a person's driving license is suspended for registering or  
 43 operating a vehicle in violation of IC 9-25-4-1;
- 44 (2) the person is required to pay a fee for the reinstatement of the  
 45 person's license under this section; and
- 46 (3) the person later establishes that the person did not register or



1           operate a vehicle in violation of IC 9-25-4-1;  
2           the fee paid by the person under this section shall be refunded.  
3           SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014] **(a) IC 9-29-10-1, as**  
4           **amended by this act, applies to reinstatement of a driving license**  
5           **after December 31, 2014.**  
6           **(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2015.**

